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1. The population of Shumen (N 43-16, E 26-56, now Kolarovgrad) is now 50,000. Many youths moved to the city to avoid joining the agricultural cooperatives, but this influx has now stopped because it is practically impossible to find any sort of living accommodations.
2. The post office, telephone, and telegraph building of Shumen is located at No. 9 September Square.
3. The power station is located near the railroad station. Since it cannot supply the needs of the city and its surrounding 50 villages, additional current must be brought from Rumania.

Industry

4. The following factories in Shumen each employ more than 100 workers:
 - a. A beer factory on the western border of the city, three kilometers from the railroad station; it employs over 200 workers, and all its depots are underground;
 - b. A factory for iron stoves and kitchen utensils, located at the northern end of the city square opposite the railroad station;
 - c. The Pobeda Factory for enamel kitchen utensils, located approximately 500 meters from the factory listed in paragraph 4b above;
 - d. A carpentry factory (sic), located near the railroad station; it was owned by Pushkov (fnu) prior to nationalization;
 - e. A tannery, located 500 to 600 meters from the railroad station;

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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- f. A paint factory, formerly known as the Baynov Factory, located in the center of the city;
- g. Two flour mills, formerly named the Shumen Mill and the Vasilev Brothers Mill, located near the railroad station; and
- h. An edible-oils factory, formerly owned by Tutudzhiev (fnu), located near the flour mills.

Military Units

- 5. An antiaircraft unit, known to local inhabitants as the "5-ti Artileriyski Polk," is quartered in barracks at the end of Dulgierska Street in the southwest part of Shumen. Guns are both animal- and tractor-drawn.
- 6. Tank and heavy artillery units are quartered in barracks approximately 500 meters northwest of the barracks of the antiaircraft unit. These units are known to local inhabitants as "Armeyski Polk."
- 7. An infantry unit, an engineer unit, and a cavalry unit are quartered in barracks one to one and one-half kilometers northwest of the railroad station, to the south of the city.
- 8. The headquarters of the division superior to the units listed above occupies a large building near the barracks of the infantry, engineer, and cavalry units. A Bulgarian major general commands the division.

Air Raid Shelters

- 9. Tunnels 150 to 200 meters long, apparently intended as air raid shelters, are being built into the two hills at Shumen. Each tunnel has a series of tiled halls which are supplied with electricity, water, and air-conditioning.
- 10. Similar tunnels have been built in nearby villages. Tsar Krum (N 43-12, E 26-54) has four tunnels, and Kochovo (N 43-14, E 26-48) has an unknown number of tunnels.

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